

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A flexible assembly for attenuating shock waves comprising two flexible sheets arranged one over the other and joined by a plurality of seams, the seams being arranged so as to form cells or recesses in the space between the sheets, wherein the cells or recesses are filled with a shock attenuating material having the flow properties of a liquid.

2. (Currently Amended) The flexible assembly according to claim 1 wherein the shock attenuating material is perlite.

3. (Currently Amended) The flexible assembly according to claim 1 wherein the shock attenuating material is an aqueous foam.

4. (Currently Amended) The flexible assembly according to claim 1 wherein the shock attenuating material is an aerogel.

5. (Currently Amended) The flexible assembly according to claim 1 further including within the cells or recesses a fire retarding compound.

6. (Currently Amended) The flexible assembly according to claim 1 further including within the cells or recesses polystyrene balls.

7. (Currently Amended) The flexible assembly according to claim 1 further including within the cells or recesses at least one material selected from the group consisting of fireproofing materials, heat insulating materials, intumescent materials, and radiation insulting materials.

8. (Currently Amended) The flexible assembly according to claim 1 wherein the assembly is adapted and constructed so that the assembly can be cut along the seams so that shock attenuating material remains confined in the cells.

9. (Currently Amended) The flexible assembly according to claim 1 wherein the two flexible sheets are water-impermeable.

Claim 10. (Canceled)

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11. (New) The flexible assembly according to claim 1 wherein the flexible sheets are porous with respect to acoustic waves, shock waves or gas.

12. (New) The flexible assembly according to claim 1 further wherein the flexible sheets are made of waterproof plastic resin.